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**55TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2022**

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE  
UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO TO ESTABLISH A QUANTUM MATERIALS AND  
TECHNOLOGIES PROGRAM IN COLLABORATION WITH NEW MEXICO STATE  
UNIVERSITY, THE NEW MEXICO INSTITUTE OF MINING AND TECHNOLOGY  
AND THE FEDERAL RESEARCH LABORATORIES WITHIN THE STATE TO  
DEVELOP CURRICULA, FACULTY AND TECHNOLOGIES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT  
AND USE OF QUANTUM MATERIALS AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF WORKFORCE  
TRAINING PROGRAMS IN THE USE AND MAINTENANCE OF QUANTUM  
MATERIALS TECHNOLOGIES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

**SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.**--Fifteen million dollars  
(\$15,000,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the  
board of regents of the university of New Mexico for  
expenditure in fiscal years 2023 through 2027 to establish a  
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1 quantum materials and technologies program in collaboration  
2 with New Mexico state university, the New Mexico institute of  
3 mining and technology and the federal research laboratories  
4 within the state to develop curricula, faculty and technologies  
5 for the development and use of quantum materials and to develop  
6 workforce training programs in collaboration with the community  
7 colleges in the state in the use and maintenance of quantum  
8 materials technologies; provided that no more than three  
9 million dollars (\$3,000,000) shall be expended in any given  
10 fiscal year. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining  
11 at the end of fiscal year 2027 shall revert to the general  
12 fund.